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Defection of Guatemalan Officers

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1. There are attached sterile instructions concerning the matter referred to in the reference cable for passing to LUTON and OETRICH.

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It is believed that full advantage should be taken of the opportunity presented by the proposed interview with Senores Me, P and Mo on the 22nd to obtain as much detailed information as possible regarding the extent to which the target is aware of our plans and what steps are being planned to counteract any such moves. It is essential that we have this information, and this appears to be an excellent opportunity.

Therefore it is requested that Andres debrief the three persons in as detailed and careful a manner as possible. They should be questioned in such a way that we are provided with everything they know on this matter. We want details, not generalizations. Exactly what is known? The enemy has not moved its elements to any extent. Why not? Are they simply waiting with the intention of holding their strong points? Thus far no hardware has been moved into the target area. What will be done once this movement starts? These are simply examples of questions. We are anxious that the subjects be thoroughly debriefed. Also they should be asked to furnish as much information as possible on others who are expected to join them.

It is believed preferable that this debriefing take place in the absence of RUFUS. At least, the questioning should be directed by ANDRES. It would also be desirable to have each of the three debriefed separately. ANDRES should supervise the debriefing to insure that the pattern of the organization is not disclosed nor the method of setting up each target area. ANDRES should sit in on all meetings to see that we are not brought into the discussions in an official manner.

For JUAN JOSE: For your information Me and Mo are members of the team and they will be assigned specific tasks in the area. This will be an excellent chance for you to give them more information concerning what is expected of them. It is important that Mo especially be given no specific assignment which might conflict with other duties. JUAN JOSE should set up all meetings, with Rufus and in the presence of ANDRES.